[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

(*c*) Mr. Ramakrishna Aiyar was censured.

Oppression of tappers in the Arukutty Circle.

190. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any report in 1096 from the District Superintendent of Police, Mr. K. Padmanabhan Tampi, about the illegal exactions from and the oppression of tappers in the Arukutty Circle by the excise officers and the toddy contractor's agents?

(*b*) Have any enquiries been made into the allegations contained in this report?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) & (*b*) The member is referred to the answer furnished to question No. 8 asked by Mr. G. Paramesvaran Pillai at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 28th July, 1921.

Extension of the Independent Shop System.

191. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they instructed the Excise Commissioner in 1095 that the taluk vend system that is now prevalent in the Arukutty Circle in respect of the sale of toddy should be abolished and that the independent shop system should be introduced in respect of the same from the beginning of 1098? If so, has this instruction been carried out? If not, why?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to say whether they intend to introduce the independent system in respect of the sale of toddy also in all the vend areas of the State at an early date?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative and to the second part in the negative. The low rates of tree tax still prevailing in the adjoining talnks of the Cochin State precluded the possibility of the introduction of the new system at the time and consequently the vend rent system had to be continued for 1098-99.

(*b*) The matter will receive attention at the proper time.

Rented Government Buildings in Trivandrum.

192. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of the public buildings in the town of Trivandrum let out by them, stating the estimated value of each building and site, and the annual rent and the cost of maintenance of each building?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: A list* of buildings occupied by the officers of Government in the town of Trivandrum with the particulars available is laid on the table.

* *Vide* Appendix II—pages 670 to 673.

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